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Dear Senator Leahy,

I have just written to the Argentine Ambassador, Lucio Garcia del Solar in Washington D.C. and now I'm writing to you about the same issue.

I am very concerned about the status of the 1200 political prisoners or "desaparecidos" in Argentina. In most cases these people have been denied due process of law. I am concerned about the violations of human rights in Argentina and the absence of the customary legal safeguards. These people (I'm sure you are aware) are tortured, disappear, and are not even released when they are declared innocent and many never come to trial.

I will just mention one case to you that to me seems incredible. Lidia Ines Jarupken Subovsky, an architectural student, was arrested in July 1976 in the Province of Corrientes. She was sentenced to 18 years in prison by a War Council in Parana. In 1977 her case was brought to Federal Court and her release was ordered in 1979 because of lack of charges. However, Lidia is still being held at Villa Devoto Prison. She now has a visa for France. Her husband is also in detention although I don't know anything about him.

I wonder whether you can make an appeal to the Argentine Ambassador on behalf of this young woman and ask that human rights be respected and protected in Argentina.

I have the names and stories of several other prisoners in similar situations but I thought I would just select one person to tell you about. I particularly chose Lidia because she has a visa to France and I am very partial to France since I teach French and go there frequently.

Thank you for your attention. I appreciate your answers to other letters. I have sent you.

Sincerely,

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